

TRIBUTE TO BARTLEY "BART"
BENNETT

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 1997

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great humanitarian and close friend, Mr. Bartley "Bart" Bennett. Bart has worked tirelessly for the housing industry and constantly volunteered his time throughout our community. For that, I would like to honor him today.

Bart and I have known each other for years. Since founding Christmas CanTree with Frank Riser in 1977, Bart has worked with numerous organizations providing for the less fortunate. He simultaneously served on the Salvation Army Modesto Corps Advisory Board and the Community Housing and Shelter Services Board for almost two decades. This unrelenting dedication has affected many lives over the years.

In addition to these services, Bart has served as chairman of the Big Five Fundraiser for 10 years. This organization benefits the Community Housing and Shelter Services. It is a pleasure to recognize Bart today for these selfless acts of good will.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL WRITE
YOUR CONGRESSMAN

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased during the last few years to see that so many Americans take the opportunity to become involved in our Government. This involvement is reflected in the high volume of letters from my constituents regarding issues and events that affect their lives. I encourage and welcome this type of participation.

Today, I would like to recognize an organization that helps the people of this country send their thoughts and concerns to their Representatives in Washington, DC. National Write Your Congressman, founded in 1958, is a unique organization. It is different because it is not a lobbying organization and does not show partiality toward a particular issue. National Write Your Congressman researches legislation, presents both sides of national issues, and allows its members to develop their own opinions.

Once a month, this organization sends its members an opinion ballot outlining both sides of a controversial issue. They also conduct frequent national polls among their members and advise Representatives of the results. Finally, National Write Your Congressman keeps its members aware of their Representatives' voting records on national issues.

I am proud to see this organization actively encouraging busy Americans to voice their opinions on national issues. I commend National Write Your Congressman on its efforts to keep the American people in touch with their Representatives.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 553,
SOUTH GLENS FALLS, NY, HON-
ORED FOR 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, as a lifetime member of the American Legion myself, it is with great pride that I commemorate the Mohican Post 553 of the American Legion in South Glens Falls, NY, in my congressional district. And it is with great humility that I stand here today and try and do justice to all the tremendous service and good this post has done for veterans and their families, as well as the entire community over the past 75 years.

Just last year, I had the tremendous good fortune of addressing both the New York State and the National American Legion Convention where I was awarded with the American Legion's Distinguished Public Service Award. Mr. Speaker, it occurred to me that among all the things I've done in this Congress, I literally cherish above all else the time I've spent working alongside the American Legion. Together we've achieved so much on behalf of flag and country.

But Mr. Speaker, those achievements are what makes the men and women of American Legion Posts like No. 553 in South Glens Falls the true heroes. Not only have they served their country in uniform, but they have served America and their fellow veterans as members of the Legion. A group that is always in the forefront of efforts to develop and maintain adequate veterans benefits and programs.

And as if that wasn't enough, there are the tremendous programs and activities the members of Post 553 run on behalf of their community. I'm talking about things like scholarships and teams they sponsor for the youth in Glens Falls as well as community wide events.

Because of efforts like these, their promotion of pride, patriotism, and good citizenship goes unparalleled. And that's why I can't wait to pass the constitutional amendment to protect Old Glory right here on the House floor knowing I have the wholehearted support of my fellow Legionnaires from Post 553 in South Glens Falls, New York.

Mr. Speaker, protecting our flag, watching out for fellow veterans and ensuring a strong national defense may seem like a large and daunting agenda to some. But that's not half of what Legion Posts like this one have done over the 75 year history dating back to 1922. But I know there's no limit to what they can accomplish. That's because this post is made up of patriotic Americans who have served their country and earned the right to call themselves veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and proud members of the American Legion.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all members join me in paying tribute to all the members of South Glens Falls Legion Post 553 for their tireless and selfless devotion to America and their community.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DR.
ROBERT L. FULLER

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

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Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, on May 24, 1997, Mt. Hermon Baptist Church will honor a dedicated individual and servant of God. The church, which is in my congressional district, will pay special tribute to Dr. Robert Lawrence Fuller, a pastor who completed 81 years in the Gospel Ministry. I join the Mt. Hermon Church family and the Greater Cleveland community in saluting Dr. Fuller. I want to share with my colleagues and others some information regarding this distinguished individual.

Dr. Fuller was born on October 10, 1911, in Decatur, AL. At the age of 5, his call to the ministry was recognized. Although Dr. Fuller was born with a speech impediment and had never been to school, he undertook the preaching of the Gospel with an unwavering conviction. He received his license at the age of 11, and was ordained some 8 years later. At the youthful age of 22, Dr. Fuller accepted his first pastorate at the Union Hill Baptist Church of Chattanooga, TN.

Mr. Speaker, in February 1937, Dr. Fuller arrived in Cleveland, OH, and began his ministerial service at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church. With the country in the Depression and the congregation on the verge of losing its place of worship, Dr. Fuller began a faith-building itinerary which would continue throughout his tenure. In 1939, the Mt. Hermon congregation began to purchase its first building. They burned the mortgage in 1942. As the membership continued to increase, a building fund was established, with a view to expansion. The ground breaking for the new place of worship took place on July 7, 1957. On August 10, 1958, the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church conducted its first worship service in the newly-completed, half-million dollar edifice on East 40th Street.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Fuller retired as pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church in October 1992, after a record 55 years of dedicated service. He left with an impressive list of accomplishments to his credit. Under Dr. Fuller's leadership, renovations continued to take place, including the installation of an infra-ray heating system, a state-of-the-art public chime system, and the completion of a tower and third floor addition. Further, Dr. Fuller was instrumental in seeing that Mt. Hermon was responsive to the needs of the Greater Cleveland community. He led the congregation in evangelistic crusades and conducting religious surveys. Dr. Fuller was also responsible for the planning and building of the Good Samaritan Foundation Home which officially opened its doors to the community in October of 1990.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church family and many others in saluting Dr. Robert L. Fuller. His slogan that he is "God's Minute Man," exemplifies his intention to immediately respond to God's direction. I applaud Dr. Fuller for his strong commitment and dedicated service throughout the years. I recognize his achievements, and I wish him continued blessings and Godspeed.